

# Population-based incidence and survival of lymphoid neoplasms according to the WHO 2008 classification: Girona (1996-2015)

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## INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

- Changing classifications hamper international comparisons of lymphoid neoplasms (LNs) data.
- The aim of this study was to present incidence and survival of LNs in the Girona province (1996-2015) according to the WHO 2008 classification, and to predict the number of LNs in Spain during 2020.

## METHODS

- Data were extracted from the population-based Girona cancer registry.
- Incident cases were classified using the ICD-O-3 first revision and grouped according to the WHO 2008 classification scheme.
- Age-adjusted incidence rates (ASR<sub>E13</sub>) were obtained with Regstattools (1) and incidence trends were modeled using Joinpoint (2).
- Observed and relative survival were estimated with Kaplan-Meier and Ederer II methods, respectively, using WebSurvCa (3).

**Table 1.** Lymphoid neoplasms incidence rates by subtype. Girona province, 1996-2015.

Subtype	ICD-O-3 codes	N	%	Annual N	Median age (years)	CR	ASR <sub>E13</sub> (CI 95%)	Sex ratio <sup>1</sup>
<b>Lymphoid neoplasm, total</b>		<b>4367</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>33.42</b>	<b>37.08 (35.98; 38.21)</b>	<b>1.54</b>
<b>1) Hodgkin lymphoma (HL)</b>		<b>364</b>	<b>8.34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>2.72 (2.44; 3.02)</b>	<b>1.59</b>
1.1 Classical Hodgkin lymphoma		336	92.31	17	39.1	2.57	2.5 (2.24; 2.79)	1.55
1.1.1 Lymphocyte rich classical Hodgkin lymphoma	9651	21	6.25	1	34.4	0.16	0.15 (0.09; 0.23)	6.25
1.1.2 Nodular sclerosis classical Hodgkin lymphoma	9663-9667	214	63.69	11	36.7	1.64	1.56 (1.36; 1.79)	1.13
1.1.3 Mixed cellularity classical Hodgkin lymphoma	9652	66	19.64	3	46.4	0.51	0.51 (0.39; 0.65)	2.57
1.1.4 Lymphocyte-depleted classical Hodgkin lymphoma	9653-9655	5	1.49	0	52.5	0.04	0.04 (0.01; 0.09)	NA
1.1.5 Classical Hodgkin lymphoma, NOS	9650,9661-9662	30	8.93	2	53.3	0.23	0.24 (0.16; 0.35)	2.06
1.2 Nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin lymphoma	9659	28	7.69	1	43.8	0.21	0.22 (0.15; 0.32)	2.07
<b>Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL)</b>		<b>3886</b>	<b>88.99</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>29.74</b>	<b>33.35 (32.3; 34.42)</b>	<b>1.54</b>
<b>2) Precursor lymphoid neoplasms</b>		<b>210</b>	<b>4.81</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.64 (1.42; 1.88)</b>	<b>1.53</b>
2.1 B-lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma	9728, 9811-9818, 9836	138	65.71	7	18.2	1.06	1.08 (0.91; 1.28)	1.25
2.2 T-lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma	9729, 9837	46	21.90	2	20	0.35	0.34 (0.25; 0.46)	3.53
2.3 Lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma, NOS	9727, 9835	26	12.38	1	80	0.2	0.22 (0.14; 0.32)	1.37
<b>3) Mature B-cell neoplasms</b>		<b>3413</b>	<b>78.15</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>26.12</b>	<b>29.5 (28.51; 30.51)</b>	<b>1.48</b>
3.1 Chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma	9670, 9823	751	22.00	38	72.4	5.75	6.62 (6.15; 7.11)	1.77
3.2 B-cell prolymphocytic leukemia	9833	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.3 Mantle cell lymphoma	9673	105	3.08	5	68.1	0.8	0.92 (0.75; 1.12)	4.37
3.4 Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma/Macroglobulinemia de Waldenström	9671, 9761	128	3.75	6	73.5	0.98	1.13 (0.94; 1.34)	2.16
3.5 Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	9678-9680, 9688, 9684, 9712, 9735, 9737, 9738	733	21.48	37	66.3	5.61	6.18 (5.74; 6.65)	1.4
3.6 Burkitt lymphoma/leukemia	9687, 9826	60	1.76	3	37.9	0.46	0.47 (0.36; 0.61)	1.91
3.7 Marginal lymphoma		339	9.93	17	68.7	2.59	2.92 (2.62; 3.25)	1.09
3.7.1 Splenic marginal zone lymphoma	9689	67	19.76	3	69.2	0.51	0.58 (0.45; 0.74)	1.46
3.7.2 Extranodal marginal zone lymphoma	9699 (excluding C77.0-C77.9)	243	71.68	12	68	1.86	2.09 (1.83; 2.37)	1.07
3.7.3 Nodal marginal zone lymphoma	9699 (C77.0-C77.9)	29	8.55	1	75.8	0.22	0.25 (0.17; 0.36)	0.6
3.8 Follicular lymphoma	9597, 9690, 9691, 9695, 9698	441	12.92	22	62.1	3.37	3.74 (3.4; 4.11)	1.07
3.9 Hairy cell leukemia	9940	32	0.94	2	58.8	0.24	0.26 (0.18; 0.37)	6.86
3.10 Plasma cell neoplasms		820	24.03	41	72.7	6.27	7.22 (6.73; 7.73)	1.41
3.10.1 Solitary plasmocytoma of bone	9731	36	4.39	2	69	0.28	0.31 (0.22; 0.43)	2.1
3.10.2 Extramedullary plasmocytoma	9734	13	1.59	1	76.9	0.1	0.12 (0.07; 0.2)	2.25
3.10.3 Plasma cell myeloma/leukemia	9732-9733	771	94.02	39	72.8	5.9	6.79 (6.32; 7.29)	1.38
3.11 Heavy chain disease	9762	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.12 B-cell lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between DLBCL and classical HL	9596	4	0.12	0	44.5	0.03	0.03 (0.01; 0.08)	1.33
<b>4) Mature T-cell and NK-cell neoplasms</b>		<b>263</b>	<b>6.02</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>2.22 (1.96; 2.51)</b>	<b>2.59</b>
4.1 Mycosis fungoides/Sezary syndrome	9700, 9701	81	30.80	4	64.2	0.62	0.69 (0.55; 0.86)	2.78
4.2 Peripheral T/NK-cell lymphoma		130	49.43	6	60.50	0.99	1.08 (0.91; 1.30)	2.95
4.2.1 Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, NOS	9702	60	46.15	3	64.2	0.46	0.5 (0.38; 0.65)	2.52
4.2.2 Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma	9705	29	22.31	1	70.6	0.22	0.26 (0.17; 0.37)	3.23
4.2.3 Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma	9708	2	1.54	0	42	0.02	0.01 (0; 0.05)	0
4.2.4 Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive	9714	18	13.85	1	37	0.14	0.14 (0.08; 0.22)	8.33
4.2.5 Hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma	9716	3	2.31	0	42.5	0.02	0.02 (0; 0.07)	NA
4.2.6 Enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma	9717	1	0.77	0	62.5	0.01	0.01 (0; 0.05)	0
4.2.7 Primary cutaneous gamma-delta T-cell lymphoma	9726	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.2.8 Primary cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, NOS	9709	16	12.31	1	73	0.12	0.13 (0.07; 0.22)	3.14
4.2.9 Systemic EBV-positive T-cell lymphoproliferative disease of childhood	9724	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.2.10 Hydroa vacciniforme-like lymphoma	9725	1	0.77	0	17.5	0.01	0.01 (0; 0.05)	NA
4.3 Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma	9827	3	1.14	0	82.5	0.02	0.02 (0; 0.07)	0.67
4.4 Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type	9719	11	4.18	1	66.2	0.08	0.09 (0.04; 0.17)	1.86
4.5 T-cell large granular lymphocytic leukemia	9831	22	8.37	1	65	0.17	0.19 (0.12; 0.29)	2.25
4.6 T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia	9834	3	1.14	0	62.5	0.02	0.03 (0.01; 0.08)	0
4.7 Aggressive NK cell leukemia	9948	1	0.38	0	22.5	0.01	0.01 (0; 0.05)	NA
4.8 Primary cutaneous CD30+ T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders	9718	12	4.56	1	70	0.09	0.1 (0.05; 0.18)	2.33
<b>5) Lymphoid neoplasms, NOS</b>	<b>9590, 9591, 9820, 9970, 9971</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.01 (0.83; 1.21)</b>	<b>1.42</b>

N, total cases; CR, crude rate; ASR<sub>E13</sub>, age-standardized incidence rate using European 2013 standard population; CI, confidence interval; <sup>1</sup>Sex ratio (M/F) based on ASR<sub>E13</sub>; NOS, NOS, no otherwise specified.

## Incidence trends (1996 – 2015)

- No statistically significant variations in incidence trends were found for LNs [annual percentage change (APC): 0 (95% CI: -0.8; 0.7)], nor for broader lymphoma categories.
- Incidence trends only increased for peripheral T/NK-cell lymphoma (APC: 4.1 (0.1; 8.3)) and decreased for LNs NOS (APC: -7.4 (-11.2; -3.3)).

## Projections (Spain, 2020)

- 17,950 new cases of LNs will be diagnosed in Spain in 2020, of which 1,263 cases will be Hodgkin lymphoma, 738 precursor LNs, 14,360 mature B-cell neoplasms lymphoma, 1,067 mature T-cell and NK-cell neoplasms and 521 LNs NOS.

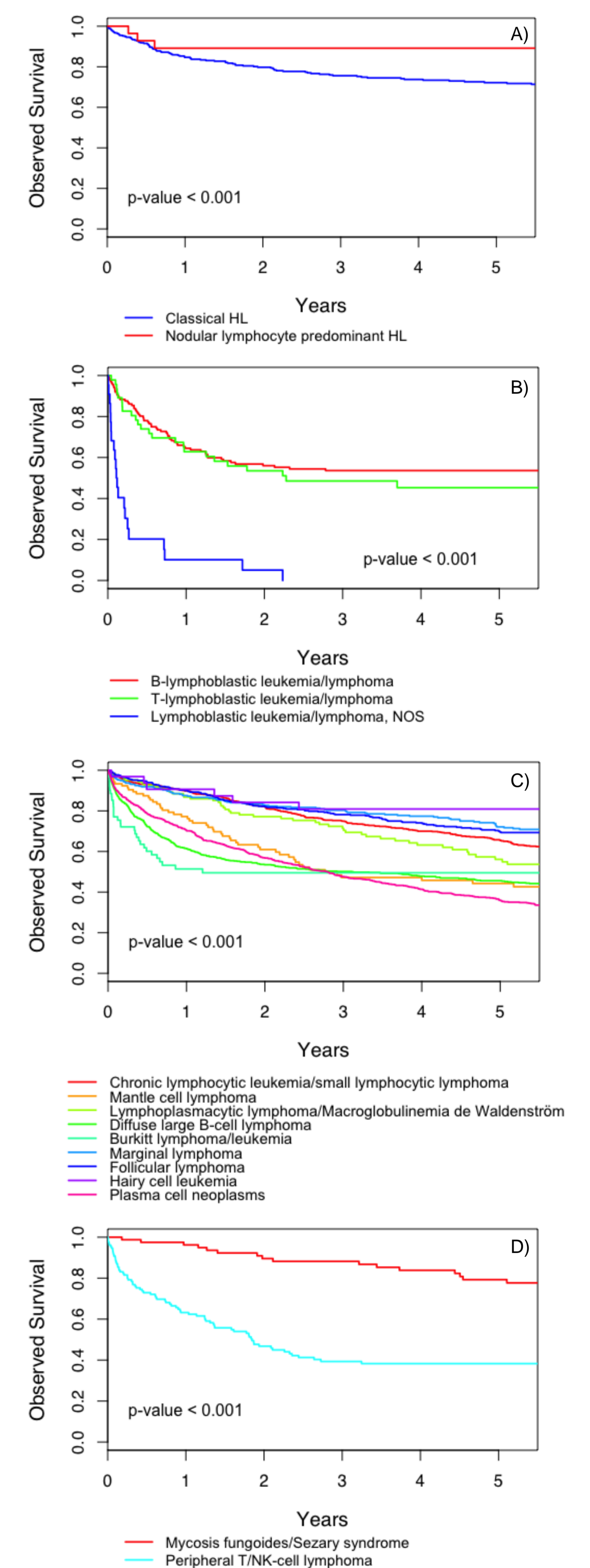
## CONCLUSIONS

- This is the first study to present epidemiological data from LNs in Spain according to the WHO 2008 classification.
- Marked variations by subtype and sex were demonstrated; confirming the importance of taking into account differences in lymphoid neoplasm subtypes when developing management strategies for these cancers and may also offer clues about their etiology.

**Table 2.** 5-years observed and relative survival of lymphoid neoplasms cases by subtype and sex. Girona province, 1996-2015.

	OS CI (95%)	RS CI (95%)
<b>Hodgkin lymphoma (HL)</b>	<b>74 (68; 78)</b>	<b>76 (71; 81)</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>71 (65; 78)</b>	<b>74 (68; 81)</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>77 (70; 84)</b>	<b>78 (71; 86)</b>
Classic HL	72 (67; 77)	75 (70; 80)
Men	70 (63; 77)	72 (66; 80)
Women	76 (69; 84)	77 (70; 86)
Nodular HL	89 (76; 100)	91 (79; 100)
Men	90 (73; 100)	92 (76; 100)
Women	89 (67; 100)	90 (68; 100)
<b>Non-Hodgkin lymphoma</b>	<b>54 (52; 56)</b>	<b>62 (60; 64)</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>52 (50; 55)</b>	<b>61 (59; 64)</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>56 (54; 59)</b>	<b>62 (60; 65)</b>
<b>Precursor lymphoid neoplasms</b>	<b>46 (40; 54)</b>	<b>47 (40; 54)</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>46 (38; 56)</b>	<b>46 (38; 56)</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>47 (38; 60)</b>	<b>48 (38; 60)</b>
B-lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma	54 (46; 63)	54 (46; 63)
Men	55 (46; 68)	55 (46; 68)
Women	55 (45; 68)	55 (45; 68)
T-lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma	45 (32; 63)	-
Men	58 (34; 100)	-
Women	42 (28; 63)	-
Lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma, NOS	5 (1; 34)	-
<b>Mature B-cell neoplasms</b>	<b>54 (52; 56)</b>	<b>62 (60; 64)</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>52 (50; 55)</b>	<b>62 (59; 65)</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>56 (54; 59)</b>	<b>63 (60; 66)</b>
CLL/SLL	65 (62; 69)	80 (76; 85)
Men	65 (61; 70)	82 (76; 88)
Women	66 (61; 72)	78 (71; 85)
Mantle cell lymphoma	44 (35; 56)	51 (40; 65)
Men	47 (37; 61)	55 (43; 70)
Women	11 (2; 62)	-
Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma/MW	56 (47; 67)	67 (56; 79)
Men	53 (42; 66.7)	65 (52; 82)
Women	61 (47; 79)	-
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	46 (42; 50)	50 (46; 54)
Men	45 (40; 50)	50 (45; 56)
Women	47 (41; 53)	50 (44; 56)
Burkitt lymphoma/leukemia	50 (38; 64)	50 (39; 64)
Men	57 (44; 75)	-
Women	55 (25; 86)	56 (25; 87)
Marginal lymphoma	72 (67; 77)	82 (76; 88)
Men	68 (61; 76)	80 (71; 89)
Women	76 (70; 83)	84 (77; 92)
Follicular lymphoma	70 (65; 75)	75 (71; 81)
Men	67 (61; 75)	73 (66; 81)
Women	72 (66; 79)	77 (71; 85)
Hairy cell leukemia	81 (65; 97)	92 (81; 100)
Men	78 (60; 97)	90 (76; 100)
Women	100 (100; 100)	100 (100; 105)
Plasma cell neoplasms	40 (33; 40)	42 (38; 46)
Men	33 (28; 38)	39 (34; 46)
Women	40 (35; 45)	44 (39; 51)
B-cell lymphoma, unclassifiable	75 (26; 100)	75 (26; 100)
<b>Mature-T-cell and NK-cell neoplasms</b>	<b>57 (51; 64)</b>	<b>66 (59; 73)</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>56 (49; 64)</b>	<b>65 (57; 74)</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>61 (51; 74)</b>	<b>67 (56; 81)</b>
Mycosis fungoides/Sezary syndrome	79 (71; 89)	90 (80; 100)
Men	81 (69; 93)	92 (84; 100)
Women	76 (52; 99)	85 (66; 100)
Peripheral T/NK-cell lymphoma	38 (30; 48)	43 (34; 54)
Men	34 (25; 45)	39 (29; 53)
Women	50 (23; 77)	52 (25; 79)
<b>Lymphoid neoplasms, NOS</b>	<b>21 (15; 32)</b>	<b>28 (19; 41)</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>20 (11; 35)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>23 (14; 40)</b>	<b>-</b>

N, total cases; OS, observed survival; CI, confidence interval; RS, relative survival; NOS, no otherwise specified; DCO cases were excluded from the survival analyses.



**Figure 1.** Observed survival of lymphoid neoplasms patients by subtype A) Hodgkin lymphoma, B) Precursor lymphoid neoplasms, C) Mature B-cell neoplasms and D) Mature-T-cell and NK-cell neoplasms. Girona province, 1996-2015.

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